

Orienteering Victoria Board Meeting

OVERALL STATUS	Please consider requests
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ACTIVITIES & PLANS

1) Park Street fees

The Committee approved an increase in enter on the day fees for adults from \$4 to \$5. Juniors remain at \$2. This will also be reflected in the season ticket cost. To be implemented from the start of the 2016 Winter season.

2) Participation rates

Attendances in the Southern, Western and Eastern series have been slowly trending downwards, with the Northern and Saturday series remaining reasonably stable. There are a number of reasons for this but an increase in traffic congestion and unfavourable weather patterns have played a big part.

The UOC requests that the Board include PAS in its current marketing activity, in order to apply targeted promotion to appropriate segments in each PAS region. The UOC will work with the Board's representative to make this happen. The aim of the committee is to return participation to previous levels, and sustain it within capacity (no more than a series average 150 participants – higher numbers create parking and traffic problems)

3) Fixturing

To aid the promotion process and hopefully limit travel problems, the Committee has agreed that when setting the PAS fixture, more attention will be paid to keeping within the series boundaries with fewer events at the extreme edges. Strategic use of popular maps to enhance participation will also be reviewed.

4) Sprint into Spring

The 2015 season has retained the popularity achieved last year. The series is now reasonably developed with all guidelines written and in place. The next season will see refinements based on lessons learned this year, in particular, (1) moving back to the shorter start window which will improve head to head competition, improve the social element and reduce on the day work load; and (2) only fixture events on maps that are already in existence at the start of the competition. This year 2 events were on new maps that were only completed during the week of the event. This placed unnecessary strain and stress on the organising team.

What is required for 2016:

In the last 3 years the organising team has comprised of a very small group of people. It is important that this group expands to reduce overall individual workload, to transfer skills to new organisers and to keep the series fresh. It will also enable organisers to have time to compete in the series themselves. The Board's help is requested in gaining additional organisational support for the series.

5) Melbourne Sprint Weekend

The overall organiser position has been filled and the job will be shared by 3 people; Clare Brownridge, Anne Robinson and Margi Freemantle. Planning is well underway with at least verbal approval for 5 out of the 6 maps applied for. The majority of setters and controllers have been confirmed with only 1 setter and 1 controller outstanding, and work has commenced to fill these quickly. Lance Read (in the absence of Nick Dent) has been engaged for the NOL and WRE component. The budget and event entry prices have now been set and all events are about to go Live on Eventor, with a corresponding advertising campaign about to start.

ISSUES, CONCERNS AND RISKS - nil

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